



## Ms. Ruth C. Brantley

March 3, 1927 - June 4, 2017

Ruth C. Brantley was born on March 7, 1927, to the late Howard Devey Corley and Fannie Hague Corley, in Rutherford, Gibson County. She departed from her earthly home to her heavenly home on June 4, 2017 at her home.

Ruth was the oldest of her siblings, Laila Faye Corley Talley (deceased) Howard D. Corley, Jr., (deceased) and Clyde L. Corley, Sr.

In 1947, Ruth married Lewis T. Brantley, Sr., to this union, two children were born, Paula Yvonne Brantley, born in 1949 and Lewis T. Brantley, Jr., (deceased 2008).

One of her most vivid memories of her childhood was going to the picture show and seeing her first two movies in color- "Gone with The Wind and The Wizard of Oz", with Judy Garland singing, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow and If Bluebirds Fly- Why Can't I?" And fly she did, graduating in 1943 as one of the first colored children going on to higher education. Entering Lane College and uniting with St. Paul C.M.E. Church in 1944 (73 years of membership); initiated into Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority in 1947 (70 years of sisterhood).

She went on to teach in county schools in Gibson and Madison County. In 1961, she joined the Jackson City School System, retiring in 1994. At the time of her death, she was one of the oldest retired school teachers in the district.

She leaves to cherish her memories, a daughter, Paula Brantley (Charles, Sr.) Davis of Houston, TX; grandchildren, Lewis T. Brantley, III, Martina D. Chatman and Patience C. Chatman, all of Jackson, TN, Charles (Andrea) Davis, Jr., of Orlando, FL and Michael (Kristen) Davis of Houston, TX; 9 great-grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **9**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.  
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Jackson, TN 38301  
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## Service

JUN **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul C. M.E. Church  
282 Middleton St  
Jackson, TN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Ruth C. Brantley*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *Janice Weems lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ruth C. Brantley*



**Janice weems** - June 22, 2017 at 04:50 PM



“ *Well Ms. Ruth, you are safe in his arms. You have a new address and I believe that you will see outstretched arms belonging to love ones who preceded you there. Love and prayers to family and friends...D. Hall*

**Donna Hall** - June 10, 2017 at 05:37 AM



“ *Angerla Bradford lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ruth C. Brantley*



**Angerla Bradford** - June 06, 2017 at 11:32 PM